

On November 4, 2008, Jason Chaffetz (pronounced "Chay-Fits") was elected by a 37-point margin to represent Utah's Third Congressional District. He distinguished himself by building a grass roots campaign organization rooted in principle and with a demonstrated commitment to fiscal discipline.

To secure the Republican nomination, Mr. Chaffetz unseated a 12-year incumbent by a 20 point margin, and did so with no paid staff, no polling, no free meals for potential voters, no campaign office, and a refusal to go into debt to finance the campaign. Despite being outspent by over \$600,000, Mr Chaffetz's approach to conservative principles resonated with voters and resulted in an unprecedented victory.

Mr. Chaffetz comes to Congress with a 16-year history in the local business community, executive branch experience in Utah State government, a reputation for running strong political campaigns, and a distinguished college football career.

Mr. Chaffetz, who grew up in California, Arizona, and Colorado, was invited to Utah in the mid-1980s by the legendary BYU football coach LaVell Edwards to be a placekicker. His years at BYU literally transformed his life.

After a successful football career that included two years as the starting placekicker and two

school records, Mr. Chaffetz earned a degree in communications and married Julie Johnson of Mesa, Arizona. In February 2009, Mr. and Mrs. Chaffetz will celebrate their 18th wedding anniversary.

In 1995, Mr. Chaffetz's mother passed away after a long fight with cancer. Consequently, he was deeply touched by the overwhelming generosity of the Utah-based Huntsman family in fighting the disease that killed his mother. Their commitment was more than words as they personally donated hundreds of millions of dollars to research and treat cancer.

Upon reading an article about Jon Huntsman, Jr. potentially running for Governor of Utah, Mr. Chaffetz sought to meet the man who had given so much to fight cancer. Through a mutual friend, a meeting was set up and Mr. Chaffetz eventually joined the Huntsman for Governor staff. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Chaffetz was named Campaign Manager. In a crowded field of contenders, Huntsman triumphed by running a well-organized, positive campaign and became Utah's 16th Governor. The Governor invited Mr. Chaffetz to continue working with him as his Chief of Staff.